

NEW PACKING PLANT READY FOR OPERATION

Modern Equipment Makes it Possible to Greatly Increase Output of Harney County Products. An Industry of Particular Importance to Farmers and Stockraisers of This Section

The packing plant recently started by the stockholders of the Burns Flour Milling Co., has been completed and this week begins active operations. A representative of The Times-Herald paid a visit to the plant Thursday afternoon in company with W. E. Huston, secretary and accountant of the concern, and obtained some valuable information respecting this big undertaking and what it means to the producers of Harney county.

While the plant was not in actual operation at the time the visit was made the machinery was running and one could gain an idea of its completeness and the general operation of the entire system. The building is of stone with concrete floors, ample space being provided for every department of the plant and each piece of machinery is complete. The plant is modern in every respect, every necessary being provided to care for the packing business, together with saving every possible portion of the carcass. The big cooling rooms, incased in cork where a freezing temperature may be had if required, a salting room, rib room, killing pens, drainage of offal which is conveyed to the boiler room where it is cooked and turned out as tankage.

The ice plant was in operation and the writer was placed in one of the big cooling rooms to experience the difference in temperature and can personally vouch for its coolness. The ammonia plant is one of the neatest ever seen by the writer and is certainly a most valuable part of the plant. Ample room is provided for meats both in the cooling rooms and in the main part of the building where it is swung on tracks to be conveyed to any part of the plant desired. These tracks are so arranged as to permit the carcass being drawn to any other part and is also equipped with scales where

his ability to cure meats that not only keep well but also are very much in demand as to their flavor. This is a matter that will have the particular attention of the directors of the concern who desire to make a reputation for the meats of this plant at once—one that will hold the trade of the local customers and bring outside buyers in also as patrons of this Harney county manufacturing institution.

Mr. Huston has a detailed report of the packing plant and meat market since the company assumed management and it shows what this enterprise means to the producers and wage earners of this section. The report is for ten months and it will be very materially increased when the packing plant proper is in running order as a much larger volume of business will be done. In the past the facilities have not been adequate but with the modern plant equipped with every necessary the amount of meat handled during the same period may be practically doubled. In addition to the local plant the company has a market at Juntura where a big volume of business is done and where a great distribution point is being built up for the products of the local concern. Under adverse conditions and handicap of lack of space to handle the business the report of the plant for ten months shows:

Dressed beef handled, 114, representing 62,542 lbs., the purchase price being \$6,816.94; dressed hogs, 1100, weighing 197,499, purchase price \$19,692.30 sheep, 319, weight 13,984 lbs. purchase price \$1,464.58. This makes a total of \$27,973.82 paid to the producers of this vicinity for meats. In addition to this there are quite a number of live animals on hand that were purchased during the period and not included in this report.

Other items of expense and distribution of money connected with this work that went direct to the producer and wage earner are \$740.82 for poultry butter and eggs; \$512.83 for hay, \$7,156.55 for grain feeds. Sundry bills for wages, fuel, etc., \$4,892.44, makes a total of \$41,275.46 that this concern distributes during the period which will be greatly increased now that the plant is in running order. This does not include the amount for labor and material to construct the new plant.

Together with the flour mill this concern is one of the greatest factors of local distribution of business in the whole country and when properly understood by the producers it will enjoy a larger volume of business and be of material benefit to the farmers and stockraisers of the country. The figures given indicate what it has already done for the Harney county producer and gives an idea of what may be done in the immediate future. Harney county hogs are increasing rapidly in numbers and the farmer has a market for them right at home and by co-operation this industry will bring about a solution of the marketing of the products of the field as well as the live stock.

Catholic Church.

1. On Sundays and Holy days of obligation Holy Mass with sermon at 10 a. m.
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Dry cleaning and pressing at the Burns Steam Laundry. 4tf.

THE OREGON WATER LAWS IN JEOPARDY

The Adoption of a Proposed Initiative Measure Would Destroy Workings And Effect of Law, Leave Water Right at Sea and Indefinitely Delay and Retard Development

BY C. E. M'CONNELL

Our water code was adopted after long consideration, exhaustive research and careful deliberation. The matter was before several sessions of the legislature, which had the assistance of the best technical, engineering and legal talent that the law might be efficient and conform to the various supreme court decisions pertaining to water rights. The law has proven most efficient and its legality has stood the test in every case before the courts.

The adoption of the proposed initiative measure (Nos. 346 and 347 on official ballot) would completely destroy the working and effect of the law as if same was entirely repealed. It would cut off all fixed appropriations, upset and destroy all organized departments under the law, leave all matters of pending adjudications and determination and record of existing water rights "up in the air," and indefinitely retard and delay development. Its adoption would not save a dollar to the state, but on the other hand would cause an estimable loss and waste to both the state and the individual citizen.

Section 1 of the measure, abolishes the Desert Land Board and throws the duties of that board back to the State Land Board. The Desert Land Board was created in 1909. It consists of Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General and State Engineer, who serve without additional compensation to their respective salaries as fixed by law. This board has charge of all reclamation work and all matters pertaining to water rights of the Carey Act projects.

The State Land Board consists of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, constituting a board of commissioners to dispose of the state lands and invest the proceeds arising therefrom.

Prior to 1909 the State Land Board handled the Carey Act projects and made a dismal failure of them. This was largely due to the fact that its members did not have the time nor the legal and technical qualifications to prepare proper contracts and to see that the work under the contracts was being properly done and carried on to the advantage of the settler. These defects were provided for by calling in the Attorney General, the legal adviser of the state, and the State Engineer to pass upon and be in direct charge of the technical and engineering features.

The members of the State Land Board are fully occupied with the duties of their respective offices. In the past the board has been so busy that it has practically given away the valuable school, swamp and tide lands of the state, the heritage to the school fund.

It will be seen that the change contemplated in Sec. 1 of the proposed measure abolishes no official and produces no economy. It simply changes the combination of the present state officials and does not save a dollar of state funds.

Sections 3 and 4 of the proposed measure attempts to legislate the present State Engineer out of office; provides that the engineer of the Tumalo project shall perform the duties of the State Engineer until 1916, at a salary as now fixed by the Desert Land Board, and that thereafter a hydraulic engineer shall be appointed by the State Land Board at a salary of \$2400 per annum.

The present State Engineer receives a salary of \$3000 per annum. The engineer on the Tumalo project receives a salary of \$4200 per annum as now fixed

by the board. If it is necessary to have an engineer on the Tumalo project (some 8 to 15 miles off the Deschutes railway lines,) can we depend upon him being able to look after the reclamation matters in other parts of the state?

Can a competent engineer who has devoted the necessary time and expense in acquiring a technical education be found to take the office at \$2400 per annum?

There is no permanent fund or appropriation for the Tumalo Project. The present appropriation is exhausted and the next legislature must provide for its future maintenance. Will it provide for a competent engineer?

This cannot be considered a political issue as Mr. Lewis, the present incumbent, goes on the ballot as the regular nominee of the Republican and Democratic parties. Mr. Laurgard, the Tumalo project engineer, registered last spring at Redmond as a Republican and later changed the party designation to the democratic party.

Sections 5, 6, and 7 of the proposed measure provides that the State Water Board shall be abolished and one Water Commissioner appointed by the State Land Board, at a salary of \$2400 per annum, to perform all the duties now imposed upon the Water Board.

The present Water Board consists of the State Engineer and two Water Superintendents. As the proposed measure provides for a State Engineer and a Water Commissioner, it really only does away with one official; but that is one of the most IMPORTANT OFFICIALS OF THE STATE.

The water Superintendents have direct charge of the adjudication and determination of the water rights on all streams and the administration and distribution of all waters. The rights in a few of our water-sheds have been determined, while on some of the largest and most important streams proceedings are now pending. On these the claimants, settlers and those seeking the development of our water resources have paid their per acreage fees and are entitled to a speedy determination of their respective rights. During this period of adjudication the Water Superintendents and means to carry on this work should be increased rather than diminished. As a matter of fact, during the next three or four years there will be a greater volume of evidence to be taken and considered by the Water Superintendents than will come before all the Circuit Judges of all the counties of the state. One Water Commissioner sitting at Salem, for whom no assistants are provided by the measure, could not complete these adjudications within the next ten years. After the water rights throughout the state have been determined one Water Commissioner will, perhaps, be sufficient, but that time is distant four or five years.

Section 9 of the proposed measure cuts off all the fixed appropriations for the offices of State Engineer and the State Water Board and provides, "the needs of these departments left for the consideration and action of future legislatures," notwithstanding that the departments referred to have been "abolished" by the proposed bill.

Cannot the departments be best permanently organized and most consistently and continuously operated if their needs are properly provided for in advance?

An examination of the affairs of the departments affected shows that the expenses of the State Engineer's office are more than offset by the fees collected, and

the other two departments affected by the bill pay large sums into the State Treasury, the aggregate from the three departments affected for 1913 amounting to \$30,690.

At present the state and Federal governments have a co-operative plan for carrying on land and water surveys throughout the state and which work is paid for, dollar for dollar, by the two governments. The proposed bill, by cutting off the state's appropriation, would automatically repeal the Federal allowance, and this necessary and important work would immediately stop in its half unfinished condition.

An excellent argument against the proposed measure, initiated by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and joined in by other commercial and business organizations throughout the state, appears on page 77 of the official pamphlet and should be read by every voter in the state.

This is one of the most important measures before the people at the coming election. It affects, directly or indirectly, every section of the state and acts directly upon the immediate development of our natural resources and prosperity.

ON No. 347 VOTE NO.

Flies Destroy Cutworms.

Many cutworms have been parasitized by the species of blow fly that deposits its eggs on the cutworm's neck, whence the larva enters the worm and causes its death. In an insect breeding cage at the agricultural college Professor Lovett found that about 80 per cent of the worms collected in the Willamette Valley are fatally infected. He hopes that this means a reduction of the pest that has wrought such havoc in clover fields and garden crops to a point of little importance for next year. He is very anxious for farmers to co-operate with this natural enemy of the cutworm by cleaning up and burning or plowing under all crop remnants, weeds and other trash of fields and roadways, which may offer breeding homes for the cutworm. All cutworms that have been parasitized by the Trachid fly may retreat to their winter home, spin their cocoon, and go into the pupa stage. But when the warm sunshine of next spring calls them to come forth as moths they will have been consumed, and in their stead there issues from the chrysalis not a cutworm, but a Trachid fly. If farmers will do their part, it seems that the cutworm pest will be cut off from serious damage, possibly for several years.

REPORT.

Report of the committee which audited the books of the Harney County Co-operative Association:

RECEIPTS	
Sales	\$5029.60
Installments on notes	70.00
	\$5099.60
EXPENDITURES	
Fence wire purchased	\$4687.65
Refund on wire	336.10
Expenses	58.26
Balance on hand	17.59
	\$5099.60

Signed: George Bryning,
Geo. W. Rayercraft
Sam Goodman

Crooked River Water Right Certificates

The State Water Board has issued 200 water-right certificates to appropriators of water on the Crooked river. It is the largest number ever issued in the history of the board. The board recently adjudicated the water rights on this stream, and the certificates give the claimants title to the water. Approximately 35,000 acres of land will be irrigated with the water from the Crooked river.—Prineville Journal.

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GOVERNORS TO CONFER REGARDING TOURISTS

Devise Methods to Induce 1915 Exposition Travelers to Visit Northwest. U. S. Expert on Farm Work to be Placed in Oregon to Co-operate With The Agricultural College

(From Our Portland Correspondent)

Fully appreciating the importance of the tourist travel from the East to the Exposition at San Francisco next year, the governors of Washington, Idaho, Utah and Montana have been invited by Governor West to attend a conference on this subject to be held Nov. 26 and 27 at the time of the opening of the Land Products Show in Portland. Governor Johnson of California has been invited to this conference, as have also the officials of the California Expositions at San Francisco and San Diego.

In addition to the invitation to the governors, requests have been sent to the immigration officials of the states named and to this list have been added the prominent city officials of Portland, and the presidents of the Portland Commercial Club and the Chamber of Commerce. This important conference will be convened at 2 p. m., Monday, Nov. 26 at the headquarters of the Oregon State Immigration Commission. Its purpose will be to devise methods of co-operation between the several states to induce 1915 Exposition travelers to visit the Northwest states en route and makes stops therein at points other than the principal cities. It is believed that in this way the agricultural, timber, mineral and other natural resources may be seen to better advantage than by hurried inspection through a car window.

Believing that the Oregon farm

needs scientific business organization as much as does any corporation, and also that the Oregon farmer suffers more from inefficiency and leakage of cost items than from any other one cause, the United States government is preparing to place an efficiency expert in this state to co-operate with the county farm experts. These men will make a systematic survey of conditions and will formulate, if possible, a schedule of suggestions to eliminate present waste. This government expert will co-operate directly with the Oregon Agricultural College, the expense of the new line of work to be borne jointly by the government and the state.

As an indication that Oregon has appreciated the importance of good roads and that the various committees have been willing to spend good money for good roads, a report recently compiled by the State Highway Commission shows that during the period between 1903 and 1912 \$18,592,042 has been expended on the roads and bridges in this state. This sum probably does not tell the entire story as the records of some of the counties were incomplete at the time the report was issued. The expenditures for the present year all over the state will doubtless be much heavier than in previous years, it being estimated that the total will exceed \$4,000,000. Jackson County will expend \$500,000 on the Pacific Highway, Clatsop County will spend \$400,000 on the Columbia Highway, and Columbia County will spend \$315,000 on the same road.

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Cream of Chicken Soup
One half Spring Chicken, Fried to Order.....50c
Baked Spring Chicken and Dressing.....50c
Chicken Pie, Country Style.....35c
Chicken Giblets on Toast.....35c
Boiled Beef and Horseradish.....35c
Beef Stew and Vegetables.....35c
Roast Beef and Brown Gravy.....35c
Roast Pork and Dressing.....35c
VEGETABLES
Mashed Potatoes.....50c
Cold Slaw.....50c
Creamed Carrots.....50c
Beet Pickles.....50c
Lemon and Pumpkin Pie.....50c
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